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LETTER DATED 19 SEPTEMBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the answer of the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 16 September 1994 to a question put by the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Statement made on 16 September 1994 by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in response to the Korean Central News Agency

The spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) answered a question put by the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) on 16 September concerning the discussion of the "nuclear issue" of the DPRK at the September meeting of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). In response he made the following statement:

"It is reported that our 'nuclear issue' was discussed along with other matters at the September meeting of the Board of Governors of IAEA held recently at Vienna.

"The mass media assess the meeting as a 'stale meeting', which failed to adopt any 'resolution' in the face of the opposition of many countries to the discussion of the DPRK's 'nuclear issue'.

"However, the Director General of IAEA in his 'report' to the meeting again called for a 'special inspection', urging the DPRK to allow access to additional sites and information. And the president of the meeting in his 'concluding speech' 'appealed' to the DPRK to implement fully the safeguards agreement.

"As for the 'special inspection', we can never allow it because it is a wanton infringement of our sovereignty and part of the policy of stifling the DPRK.

"By bring up the 'special inspection' problem, the IAEA secretariat seeks to justify the partiality of IAEA, infringe continuously on the sovereignty and security of the DPRK and bring the nuclear issue back to the original point of confrontation.

"The nuclear issue has become so complicated today entirely because the IAEA secretariat unreasonably took issue with the DPRK at every meeting of the Board of Governors, politicizing its 'nuclear issue' to an extreme.

"At the June meeting of the Board of Governors, the IAEA secretariat adopted an unreasonable resolution on 'sanctions' against the DPRK over the nuclear issue. Is it entitled now to 'blame' the DPRK over the 'special inspection' and 'implementation of the safeguards agreement'?

"We withdrew from IAEA because we regard independence as our life and soul and did not want to allow the 'special inspection'.

"Facts show that our 'nuclear issue' can never be resolved by infringing on the sovereignty of the DPRK and stifling it, but only through the DPRK-United States talks.

"The IAEA secretariat must stop putting a spoke in the wheel of the DPRK-US talks at a time when the DPRK and the United States have adopted an agreed statement and held expert-level discussions for its implementation.

"If some quarters of the IAEA secretariat, obsessed by the old mode of thinking, continue to resort to pressure with the international meeting and organization as an expedient, the situation will be complicated further.

"The dishonest forces must no longer place obstacles in the way of a solution to the 'nuclear issue' of the DPRK."